

Assembly Bill No. 327

CHAPTER 293

An act to add Section 2435.2 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians and surgeons.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 327, De La Torre. Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program: fees.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, establishes the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program in the Division of Licensing of the Medical Board of California. Under existing law, the program provides financial incentives, as specified, to a physician and surgeon for practicing in a medically underserved community. Existing law creates the Medically Underserved Account for the purposes of the program in the Contingent Fund of the Medical Board of California.

This bill would require the board to assess an applicant a \$50 fee for the issuance and renewal of a physician and surgeon's certificate. The bill would specify that payment of the fee is voluntary and would direct the deposit of the fees received by the board into the Medically Underserved Account for the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2435.2 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2435.2. (a) In addition to the fees charged for the initial issuance or biennial renewal of a physician and surgeon's certificate pursuant to Section 2435, and at the time those fees are charged, the board shall charge each applicant or renewing licensee an additional fifty-dollar (\$50) fee for the purposes of this section.

(b) Payment of this fifty-dollar (\$50) fee shall be voluntary, and shall be paid at the time of application for initial licensure or biennial renewal. The fifty-dollar (\$50) fee shall be due and payable along with the fee for the initial certificate or biennial renewal.

(c) The board shall transfer all funds collected pursuant to this section, on a monthly basis, to the Medically Underserved Account created by

Section 2154.4 for the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program.

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